9 FAM 41.112 Procedural Notes

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9 FAM 41.112 PN1 Reciprocity Reports

9 FAM 41.112 PN1.1 Reports Required To Maintain Reciprocity Schedules

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The Department must have current information on the visa requirements for U.S. nationals entering foreign countries in all nonimmigrant categories as a basis for maintaining 9 FAM PART IV Appendix C. A cable should be submitted promptly (ATTN: CA/VO/F/P) whenever any significant change occurs that would affect the period of validity of nonimmigrant visas, the number of applications for admission, or the fees charged. [See INA 221(c) and INA 281 in 9 FAM 41.112 Related Statutory Provisions; see also 9 FAM 41.112 PN2.]

9 FAM 41.112 PN1.2 Format and Content of Report

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a. The factors referred to in 9 FAM 41.112 N1.1 should be reported to the Department by means of a *telegram* in the following format:

SUBJECT: CVIS: OPERATIONS: RECIPROCITY: Name of country REFERENCE: 9 FAM 41.112 PN1

ATTN: CA/VO/F/P

b. The report should clearly explain each fee, period of validity and number of applications. It should be prepared as follows:

Class Visa Symbol Fee Period of Validity Number of Applications

<u>Class</u> refers to the type of visa issued by the foreign government, e.g., tourist, transit, student, business, etc.

<u>Visa symbol</u> refers to the U.S. visa symbol for the class indicated by the foreign government, e.g., B-2, C-1, F-1 or B-1.

9 FAM 41.112 PN1.3 Copies of Communications Concerning Reciprocity to be Sent to Department

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Copies, and translations where needed, of any written communications between a post and a foreign government concerning improved reciprocal conditions for visa issuance, should be forwarded promptly to the Department (CA/VO/F/P).

9 FAM 41.112 PN2 Restrictions or Conditions Imposed on U.S. Government Officials

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- a. In accordance with INA 212(d)(8), upon the basis of reciprocity, accredited officials of foreign governments, their immediate families, attendants, servants, and personal employees may be admitted in immediate and continuous transit through the United States without regard to the provisions of INA 212(a), except paragraphs (3)(A), (B), (C) and (7)(B).
- b. The Department assumes that the reciprocity required by INA 212(d)(8) exists with respect to C-3 visas unless a report is received to the contrary. Posts should submit such reports to CA/VO/F/P via telegram whenever a foreign government imposes restrictions or conditions on U.S. Government officials. These reports are in addition to those required by 9 FAM 41.112 PN1.